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## INFORMATION REPORT

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SUBJECT Pilsen (Pilsen-Bory) Airfield: Military Airfield

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1. The military airfield at Pilsen-Bory (Skvrnany) was built before World War II and during the war was used by the Germans who built additional billets. In 1946-48 the airfield was reconstructed and considerably expanded.
2. It is located southwest of Pilsen and east of the village of Vejprnice.
3. This airfield (including the civilian airfield at Bory) as well as the ammunition dumps for the whole Pilsen garrison is bordered on the northeast by the highway Pilsen-Klatovy. The eastern boundary is formed by a new road running between the military and civilian airfields. In the south the airfield adjoins the edge of a forest in which some airfield buildings and the ammunition dumps are located.
4. The airfield is 346 meters above sea level, on humus soil and sand, with drainage system all over the area. It is triangle-shaped; its southern boundary along the forest is 2,000 meters long, and the longest side along the highway Pilsen-Klatovy is 2,500 meters long; the height of the triangle is 800 meters.
5. The airfield has a concrete runway, which was expanded in 1950 - 51 and is now 1,800 meters long and 400 meters wide. It is built of concrete slabs, 3 x 2 meters.
6. A concrete apron in front of the hangars is 50 to 60 meters wide and 1,000 meters long. It does not reach the runway. Between the hangars and runway is a grassy area which also can be used as a runway.
7. Red lights are placed alongside the runway, and switched on only when aircraft land or take off.
8. The hangars lie along the southern boundary, close to the forest known as Bory. The first two hangars in the southwestern corner are used by the SNB air patrols. The following three hangars are of the same size, 80 x 80 meters, of steel construction covered with corrugated iron.

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9. Fuel is stored in a brick building, 10 x 50 meters, located east of the hangar. In front of the building are three gas pumps connected with underground tanks. In the same building also are garages for military vehicles. The fuel here is both for aircraft and vehicles.
10. Aircraft:
  - a. The SNB unit has the following aircraft: twelve ME-109, three Cap (probably German Storch), two Arado.
  - b. The Air Force unit has 30 ME-109, four Siebel, ten Arado, two Mosquito, four Cap, two Bickers, and several training aircraft.
11. Headquarters are located in the two buildings east of the fuel depot in the southeastern corner of the airfield. The first building behind the stores is a two-story brick, 15 x 20 meters, containing only offices. The second building is similar, but has three floors. Offices are on the ground floor, a W/T station on the 2nd floor and a meteorological station on the third floor.
12. Billets for ground personnel consist of four wooden huts, U-shaped, situated on the south side of the new road which branches off the main road and leads to the ammunition dumps. The billets are 30 x 10 x 10 meters in size. New brick billets were built in 1951 on the north side of the road. They consist of three units 15 x 20 meters. The supply depot is located in a building 15 x 30 meters, about 50 meters south of the last hangar and of the fuel depot. A boiler house, 20 x 30 meters, is situated west of the supply depot. It supplies heat to all airfield buildings.
13. Workshops for current repairs of aircraft are at the western end of the connecting road. They consist of two buildings on opposite sides, 20 x 40 meters.
14. The lecture hall is in a brick building, 10 x 25 meters, between the workshops and the boiler house. The kitchen for enlisted men is in a brick building, 15 x 20 meters, located southeast of the lecture hall on the connecting road. New garages were built on the south side of the road next to the workshops. It is a brick building, 15 x 50 meters. The Officers' Mess is in a wooden hut, 10 x 25 meters, in the southeast corner of the airfield, below the headquarters building.
15. Access to the airfield is over a concrete lane which branches off the highway at Skvrnany and joins the road which leads to the prison building. The connecting paths in the wood are also of concrete. A new connecting lane leads to the airfield. The guardroom is in the southeast corner of the airfield, near the civilian airfield. Another guardroom is in the Air Force barracks at Skvrnany. In the north, west, and south the airfield is enclosed by wire fences; in the east it adjoins the civilian airfield. In daytime one guard is on duty in the sentrybox near the civilian airfield and another one at the Air Force barracks. At night, guards also patrol along the wire fence. A movie theater, located in a wooden hut, 40 x 20 meters, is on the north side of the connecting lane, beyond the last billets. There are also some lecture rooms in this hut.
16. Air Force barracks are located north of the airfield on the Skvrnany road. They consist of 2 two-story brick buildings, 15 x 30 meters. Attached are garages, 15 x 40 meters. They also contain a medical room for the whole airfield and a guardroom. Electricity is supplied by the power plant of Pilsen and water by the waterworks of Pilsen.

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Legend to map:

1. Connecting concrete lane.
2. The airfield.
3. Concrete runway.
4. Concrete Apron.
5. Hangers.
6. Fuel depot and garages.
7. Headquarters buildings and administrative buildings.
8. New connecting lanes.
9. Wooden billets.
10. Ammunition dumps.
11. New brick billets.
12. Supply depot.
13. Boiler house.
14. Workshops.
15. Lecture hall.
16. Mess of enlisted men.
17. New garages.
18. Officers' mess.
19. Guardroom.
20. Air Force barracks.
21. Movie theater.
22. Wire fence.

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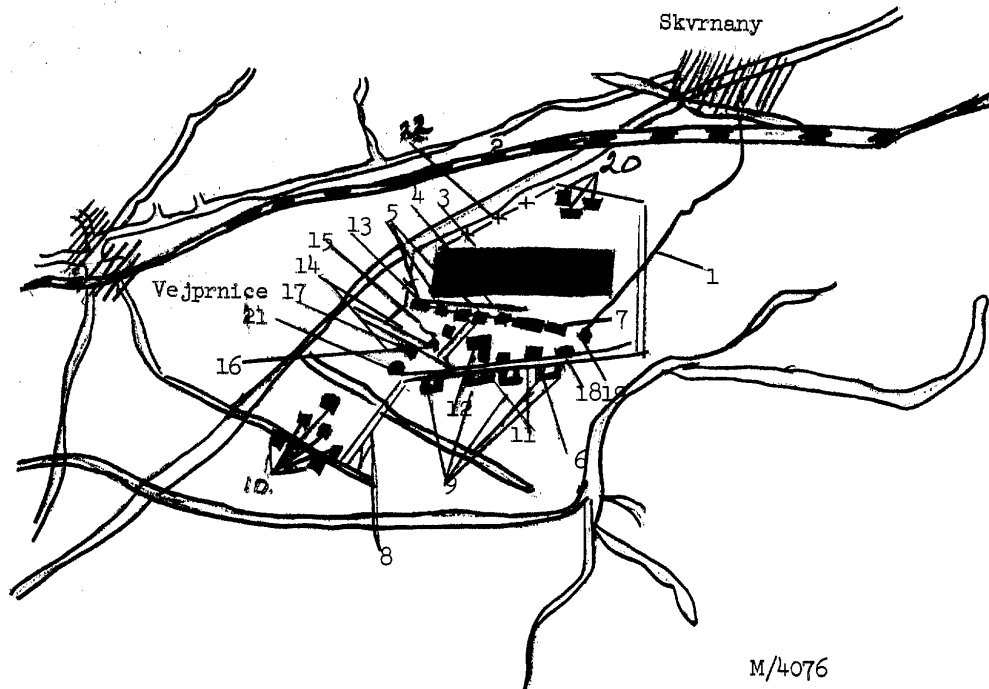
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